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SUBJ: PETROLEUM QUOTAS - PETROPERU DENIES PETROLEUM
DEPENDENCE ON US

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1. TWO MORNING DAILIES LA PRENSA AND EL COMMERCIO
CARRIED STORIES JANUARY 25 BASED ON STATEMENT BY
PETROPERU SPOKESMEN TO EFFECT THAT PERU DOES NOT IMPORT
OIL FROM U.S. LA PRENSA STORY NOTES THAT PERU DOES NOT
BUY RESIDUAL FUEL OIL FROM U.S., BUT ON CONTRARY, SELLS
IT TO U.S., ALTHOUGH SPOKESMEN ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT
PERU HAS IMPORTED AVIATION GAS FROM U.S. STORY CONTINUED
THAT THIS RELEASE MADE IN RESPONSE TO CABLE RECEIVED
FROM OVERSEAS WHICH CONFIRMED THAT THE U.S. HAS DECIDED
TO FIX QUOTA FOR PERU WHICH LA PRENSA SAID COMES TO
30,821 BARRELS FROM FIRST THREE MONTHS.

2. EL COMERCIO STORY QUOTED FIGURES IT USED PREVIOUS
DAY (REPORTED REFTL), STATING THAT PETROPERU DOES
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NOT IMPORT OIL FROM U.S. EXCEPT FOR FACT THAT IN 1973

A PRIVATE COMPANY IN PUERTO RICO SOLD 20,000 BARRELS
OF AVIATION GASOLINE, BUT "THERE WERE NO SALES
FROM THE U.S. AS A COUNTRY" (SIC).

3. COMMENT: IN FACT OF COURSE, PETROPERU HAS IMPORTED
SMALL QUANTITIES OF NAPHTHA, AVIATION GAS AND RESIDUAL
FUEL OIL. EMBASSY AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND MOTIVATION
BEHIND PETROPERU'S STATEMENT UNLESS IT PREFERRED TO
IMPLY THERE ARE NO U.S. IMPORTS RATHER THAN ADMIT
SMALL, ALBEIT REAL, DEPENDENCE ON U.S. WHICH, IN TURN, MIGHT
GIVE RAISE TO INCREASED CONCERN AMONG PUBLIC ABOUT FUTURE
OIL SUPPLIES.
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